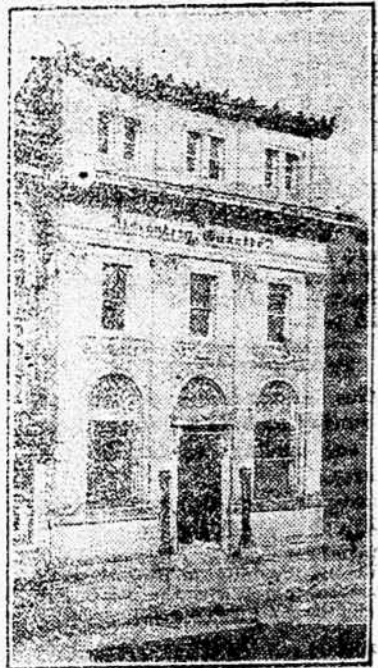


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## HEBREWS CLAIM COLUMBUS.

Christopher Columbus languished in chains, neglected and unappreciated before the close of his earthly career. But, as has ever been the case one generation "buildeth the tombs of prophets" their progenitors ill-treated or murdered. The new world today paid proper respect to the memory of the great Genoese who, while derided by the world as a wild visionary, launched forth upon the broad Atlantic in a frail craft in search of the western hemisphere.

As it was in the days subsequent to the death of Homer, when seven cities claimed to be the scene of the birthplace of the poet, the claim that Columbus was a Catholic is now disputed by no less an authority than Rabbi Abram Simon, of the Washington Hebrew Congregation, who occasionally visits Alexandria. The rabbi in a sermon last night adduced historical evidence in support of his theory.

Dr. Simon began by saying that the great discoverer's name had been originally Cristoval Colon, a Hebrew name, rather than Christopher Columbus. The reason for the change, he said, might have been because of the Spanish inquisition, when members of the race were being persecuted.

Dr. Simon said that he knew that Columbus had been a professed Catholic, but he asserted that many Hebrews had been forced to profess, outwardly at least, the Roman faith. He added that Columbus had had many Hebrew affiliations. His mother, Dr. Simon said, had been of a Hebrew family, and all of Columbus' letters extant had been written to Hebrews. Dr. Simon also cited the fact that on the first voyage of the discoverer no Catholic priest had been taken along, and that there were many Hebrews on the vessels.

The speaker declared that Columbus had deliberately beclouded his birth and ancestry, and added that when the shreds of evidence have been gathered together the Hebrew people will have more than a substantial cord to bind him to their race.

Other denominations save the Roman Catholic have claimed St. Patrick, and at a Hibernian banquet after the destruction of Admiral Rogdensky's fleet by Admiral Togo it was alleged by some of the speakers that Togo, Nogi and other commanders of the Mikado's army and navy were of Irish descent, and that their names had become contracted in the Japanese language.

## LONDON BY WIRELESS.

Twin wireless stations to communicate direct with London will be built along the New Jersey coast within a year, according to an announcement made in New York yesterday by the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company of America.

The first station, the announcement states, will be erected within nine months near Belmar, N. J., upon a site of 550 acres purchased yesterday. The second station will be erected at Toms River or Barnegat, and

will be tuned to a key different from the first, so that messages to either station may be received and sent simultaneously without interference. The distance is 3,100 miles and the estimated cost of the plants will be \$750,000 each.

The announcement also states that options have been obtained upon similar sites at San Francisco, and Honolulu, and that it is planned to construct a plant in the Philippine Islands, which will communicate direct with the one at Honolulu. The company would then be enabled to send messages from London to the Philippines by way of the United States, relaying the messages by land wires from the Jersey coast to San Francisco. The plants at San Francisco and Honolulu will be erected immediately, the announcement adds.

The marvels of the 20th century bring to mind many things seen from afar by scientific men who were contemporaneous with some now living. When Cyrus W. Field conceived the idea of installing a line of steamers from the narrowest point in the Atlantic Ocean, between the old and new worlds, in order to relay news from Newfoundland which had been received at that place by magnetic telegraph so that intelligence from this country to Europe might be transmitted in the shortest time, he was contemplating a globe in his office. It occurred to him that a telegraph cable might be laid from Newfoundland to the nearest point in Ireland. When he made known his conception it was laughed at as an idle dream by many. He would doubtless have been taken in charge by his friends had he given a hint that the time would come when men would be enabled to talk to each other around the world, and that, too, without wires.

## NOT FIRST GRADUATING CLASS.

(Communicated).

The many nurses who have been graduated from the Alexandria Training School prior to the class of 1912 wish to call attention to a misstatement in the "Alexandria News" of May 29th to the effect that the four nurses graduated then composed the "first graduating class" of that institution. The "News" (?) being a paper of only a few months standing is apparently not aware that the Alexandria Hospital Training School dates from 1892. Its establishment, growth and efficiency are due primarily to Mrs. Margery Adamson, who was matron and superintendent for seventeen years. Under her able management aided by the generosity of the citizens of Alexandria, the institution grew from a humble beginning to the modern, sanitary, well-equipped hospital it is today. This explanation, though not necessary for old Alexandrians, is called for by the refusal of the "News" to correct their above mentioned misstatement.

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

Mr. Reginald Gilham, who was here to attend the funeral of his late cousin, Col. J. A. de Lagnel, was the guest of Miss Mary E. Johnson, on Prince street. He has returned to Richmond.

During the progress of the wind and rain storm Thursday afternoon seventy-five feet of brick walling at the Virginia Glass Factory as blown down, entailing a loss of \$100.

The funeral of the late Thomas Jefferson Edelin, who died in Washington Thursday night, took place this morning from Wheatley's undertaking chapel. Rev. W. J. Morton conducted the service.

Court Kavanaugh No. 54, of the Daughters of Isabella will hold a reception Monday evening at 8 o'clock in St. Mary's Hall for the Vice-Supreme Regent and visiting daughters who are expected to be present at that time.

A called meeting of the Reliance Steam Fire Company was held last night at which arrangements were completed for the excursion to Marshall Hall on the 11th inst.

The market this morning showed no material changes from that of last Saturday. The supply of country produce was equal to the demand, and prices had fluctuated but little. Many strawberries, gooseberries and cherries were on the benches.

Carroll Pierce, vice-president of the Citizens' National Bank, is to deliver an address on "Two Problems of Interest to Virginia Bankers" at the meeting of the Virginia Bankers Association to be held at Old Point Comfort on June 20th. A number of the bankers of this city will attend.

Invitations have been received to the closing exercises of the Episcopal High School, which will take place in Liggett Hall at the High School on Wednesday, June 19th, at 11 o'clock.

George L. Appich of the firm of Thompson and Appich, has gone to New York on a business trip.

## Wage Earners

## Should Seek Largest Income From Labor

By CHARLES L. BAINE

**N**O ORDINARY wage earner can save enough to escape from the wage-earning class. If by the ordinary wage earner we mean the average wage earner then we are dealing with a general average wage of considerably less than \$12 per week for the fifty-two weeks in the year.

The present cost of bare necessities of life prohibits the saving of any considerable amount from the meager wages of the average wage earner. Certainly he cannot save enough in his prime to maintain himself in his old age. This would be true of those without family responsibilities, while average wage earner with a family to support can save nothing at all unless the standard of living of the family is reduced to meet advancing living costs, and then only a small sum which a brief sickness will absorb.

It is the families of the wage earners that populate the country. Wealthy families are not usually noted for large numbers of children. The wage earner's family must be supported before there can be any saving for the future, and when that is done there can be little or nothing left. Our large savings bank deposits as a rule belong to persons who are not in the wage-earning class.

Some wage earners follow trades that are highly skilled and exceptionally well paid. It is possible for some of these to save a portion of their wages, but it should be noted that these are extraordinary wage earners, and even among these none of them may hope to escape the wage earning class by saving alone.

A young man asked a prominent American statesman how to acquire riches, and the answer was: "Put yourself in a position to profit by the labor of other people."

The wage earner who escapes from the wage-earning class does this. His savings are used as the basis of speculation or investment, which, if successful, yields him a profit on the labor of other people.

If the wage earner builds himself a home he is gratifying the home-owning instinct, but if he couples with it a tenement to rent he is developing the desire of the capitalist to profit by the labor of other people.

It is well for the ordinary wage earner to be prudent and to save what he can, but not with the idea of escaping thereby from the wage-earning class, lest his wings be singed by the flame.

The ordinary wage earner will do well to give more effort to improve the condition of the wage-earning class through trade union work and less to an attempt to escape from the wage-earning class by an unsuccessful imitation of the methods of capital.

All wage earners should seek the largest income from their own labor rather than to seek to profit by the labor of their fellows.

CL Baine

## Real Sorrow Always Seeks Solitude

By DR. FRANK CRANE

One of the maxims that are not true is "Misery loves company." The fact is that it is happiness that loves company, while sorrow seeks solitude. We close the door to weep and draw the blinds; we go to the theater and crowded restaurants to laugh.

Misfortune isolates. Pensiveness is unsocial.

These lines are written on shipboard. We have been six days at sea and all the passengers have become acquainted; for an ocean liner a few days out resembles a country village; everybody knows everybody and everybody's business. Convention rules the decks and gossip guards the cozy corners as thoroughly as in a New England town.

Only one man keeps apart. His wife is in a coffin in the hold. A month ago they went to Italy for a long lark; she died in Naples. This man speaks to no one. He keeps his room. He may be seen of nights looking over the rail into the boiling dark of the sea, alone.

When an animal is wounded he flees the pack and in some cave or under some bush, solitary, he licks the bleeding paw or torn shoulder. So when the human heart breaks its cry is for solitude; it shuns light; fellowship is pain; loneliness becomes luxury.

Joy is the centripetal, sorrow the centrifugal force of the world. Joy makes cities; disappointment makes emigration.

The treasurer of a Massachusetts bank is reported to have died of infection from handling bank notes. Death was caused by complications following blood poisoning. This incident calls attention in a tragic manner to the necessity for improving the condition of the bank notes in general circulation.

Some of the bills are so filthy that they are not fit to handle. The remedy for this condition is very simple.

All that is necessary is for the banks, trust companies and other financial institutions to retire the notes as they come in. These notes should be sent to Washington and there redeemed for new ones. I understand that in England a dirty bank note is never seen, as they are retired as fast as they become soiled.

All the bank notes there are crisp and clean. The same condition could prevail everywhere if the dirty bank notes were retired soon enough.

## Many Dangers From Handling Filthy Lucre

By C. B. RICHARDS

## The True Meaning of Term "Luck" in Business

By R. H. BARNES

The application of the term "luck" has been extended to such a great degree that in many cases it is incorrectly used.

While it is true that many instances of good or bad fortune can only be ascribed to "luck"—such as the finding of a purse or the loss of an arm by accident—the term cannot be used in cases where some one has had financial circumstances or position changed by application, education, ability as well as other factors.

It cannot be doubted that some persons are affected more than others by luck, but the meaning of the word should be confined within its proper limits and not applied to incidents controlled in one way or another by the actions of the persons so affected.



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